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From:

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Re:

Late Legislative Resolution.

Date:

October 14, 2014

This office is requesting that the attached Resolution be considered at the October 21, 2014 Legislative session. This Resolution will authorize extension of the Correctional Medical Care contract for four additional months, and is being offered at this time because the vendor has recently (notice received September 24, 2014) settled a matter with the Attorney General's office. The settlement resulted in the vendor's creation of two professional corporations, both of which will now be parties to the County's new contract, which will begin September 1, 2014. Because these two entities did not exist until August 4, 2014, the previous agreement with this vendor must be extended to cover the period from May 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014.

The new agreement, with the new corporations as parties, will begin the month following creation of the new corporations, on September 1, 2014. The term of the new agreement will be adjusted to run three years subsequent to that date, rather than the original dates (5/1/14-4/30/17).

The vendor has agreed to this extension using the newer, lower monthly rates, saving the County approximately \$70,000 on the monthly base payments that would have been due under the previous agreement.

Since July of 2013, this office has been in constant communication with the Attorney General's Office with respect to the issue involving the vendor. It was deemed prudent to hold this contract in abeyance until such time as the New York State Attorney General had confirmed that the matter had been resolved. In light of the recent settlement, we are now at liberty to execute the agreements necessary to continue the services, pay the vendor for services provided in the interim, and control any risk to the County.

Thank you.